

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office Action of the Final Office Action of June 14, 2006 is respectfully requested relative to the claims of this Preliminary Amendment being filed in conjunction with an accompanying RCE filing. Enclosed herewith is a three month extension of time together with the requisite three month extension fee (large entity) in order to establish pendency relative to the accompanying RCE filing.

In the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, independent claims 5 and 6 have been amended, and new independent claim 27 and dependent claim 28 have been added.

Also, prior to a first action on the merits (i.e., a non-allowance or non-Quayle type) and in accordance with MPEP 713.02 relative to the RCE filing being made in the present case, an interview is respectfully requested to discuss the new combinations presented in the Final Office Action involving the newly presented Nowak reference and the current claim revisions. Applicants propose scheduling an interview following the present RCE first appearing on the Examiner's docket.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No. 033082.167

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